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SUBJECT: (C) A/S WELCH URGES KUWAIT TO SUPPORT GUATEMALA  
FOR THE UNSC

Classified By: Ambassador Richard LeBaron for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

¶1. (C/NF) NEA Assistant Secretary Welch, during his June 3 visit to Kuwait (septel), raised Venezuela's bid for a seat on the UN Security Council with Prime Minister Shaykh Nasser Mohammed Al-Sabah and Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Shaykh Dr. Mohammed Al-Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah. He stressed that Venezuela is not an appropriate candidate for a seat on the UNSC and urged the GOK to support Guatemala's candidacy. The GOK took note of U.S. concerns about Venezuela and the FM shared that they GOK has already committed to support Turkey and asked for U.S. views on the European candidates.

¶2. (U) A/S Welch has cleared this message.

¶3. (U) Minimize considered.

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